GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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COAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY .
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Coal Regulatory Authority;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the reasons therefor;and

(c) the time by which the above Authority is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a) to (c): A proposal for setting up of an independent regulatory body for coal sector is under consideration of the Govt.Various Committees and expert groups in the past had made recommendations in this regard.Recently,Shankar Committee,which was set up to suggest road map for coal sector,has also suggested for setting up of an independent regulator,considering the large number of new and smaller entrants in the coal sector from private and State level public sector units.A draft Bill on the Coal Regulatory Authority has been prepared and is under inter-Ministerial examination.The said Bill would be introduced in the Parliament after the approval of the competent authority is obtained.